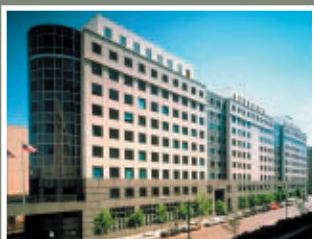




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Defining Goals and Tracking Progress: Advancements Made by the DOE Wind Program

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Princeton Energy Resources International (PERI)

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Noon –1 p.m. (in Washington, D.C.)

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A key challenge for R&D managers regarding technology development and technology goals has always been how to answer the questions: "Am I sure I can get there? And what do I have to do to get there?" And, now, the administration is asking the question: "How do you know if you're making any progress getting there?" Researchers at Princeton Energy Resources International (PERI) have been working with staff at NREL's National Wind Technology Center (NWTC) to answer these questions for the wind program. PERI has increased its analytical rigor by integrating with the annual planning cycles at the office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), incorporating required elements of peer review, and being responsive to the President's Management Agenda. PERI's analytical approach, which centers on a concept they call the Technology Improvement Opportunity (TIO), is currently focusing on the Low Wind Speed Technology thrust within the wind program. The Wind Energy Program Multi-Year Technical Plan (November 2003) incorporates much of this work. Tom Schweizer will provide a wide-ranging overview of PERI's recent work and anticipated next steps.



Tom Schweizer

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